

Appleby Archaeology

Notes of a Committee Meeting held at 5 White House Appleby on Thursday 21st February 2019.

Those present were:

Martin Joyce, Chair; Martin Railton, Research; Phyl Rouston, Catherine Hooper and Barbara Blenkinson.

Apologies were received from Trish Shaw, Mick Yate, Linda Ellison and Chris Wilson.

Minutes of the meeting of 16/11/2018 were approved.

1/02/19 Matters arising from those minutes:

3/11/18	Treasurer's Report: The transfer of the Society's funds from Barclays Bank to the Cumberland Building Society has been completed and a cheque book received. The Barclays Banks account will now be used solely to manage the grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund.
6/09/18	Instructions for operating the Supper Room AV system have been added to the Launchpad.

2/02/2019 Membership

Renewals have been slow since the emailed reminder in December last year. Only 29 renewals had so far been received from the 58 memberships currently in the system.

3/02/2019 Treasurer's Report

Subsequent to the meeting, the Treasurer has reported that our balance at the Cumberland Building Society stands at £1297:41

4/2/2019 Research/Dig Appleby:

Martin Railton laid out plans for publicising Dig Deeper to gain public interest and to encourage participation by residents.

The first event to raise public awareness of Dig Appleby will take place at the Tourist Information Centre, Appleby on Saturday 23rd February. Information on the project will be available from 10:00 to 14:00 and will be followed by three workshops.

1st Workshop: To be held at the Hub on Saturday 16th March will concentrate on research methods and palaeography.

2nd Workshop: A visit to Carlisle Archive Office to encourage individual research relevant to historic Appleby. (Date to be arranged)

3rd Workshop: This will also take place at the Hub and aims to familiarise members in the use and interpretation of geophysics.

5/2/2019 Correspondence

None

6/2/2019 Programme 2019/20:

Our visit to visit Warcop Firing Range has been confirmed for Saturday 25th May . We will be able to examine Burton medieval village, a site that is not normally accessible to the public.

Dates and arrangements for visits to Long Meg Stone Circle (Chris) and to Langholm Prehistoric Trail (Cathy) are to be finalised. Cathy confirmed that we could organise things so that the Trail didn't involve excessive amounts of walking.

Moot Hall, Towton, Vindolanda BioArch, and Copt Howe speakers have all been confirmed. A talk on "The Ness of Brodgar" has also been arranged for October 2021.

Possible speakers for the unfilled February and April 2021 slots:

- Trish to follow up Mary Rose contact.
- Cathy to investigate Langholm possibility (follow-up from Langholm visit).
- Carol and David Murray (Re Wyverns) are working on a palaeogoraphy project relating to a medieval "Sword Fighting Manual" and may eventually to be able to present this as a talk

7/2/2019 Poster Distribution

It was agreed that the posting of notices within Appleby would in the future be undertaken by members of the group who live in Appleby.

8/2/2019 AOB

Volunteers are needed to help with the organisation of tea and coffee after monthly meetings. Phyl Rouston, who has carried this out for many years will continue to do so until the end of this season.

Richard's accumulated collection of Appleby Archaeology Committee and AGM minutes has been archived onto our website (access via password on the Launchpad).

A revived Dig Appleby blog page has been added to the website

There being no other business the meeting closed at 22:10.

The next meeting will be held on 23rd May 2019.